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Biography

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Washington, DC

Brigadier General Larry D. Budge

Deputy Director for Operations, Readiness, and Mobilization, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army

Brigadier General Larry Budge was born in Logan, Utah on 24 July 1939. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Military Science in 1961 from the United States Military Academy. He attended the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. His military education includes completion of the Infantry School, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College.

He has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions culminating in his current assignment as Deputy Director for Operations, Readiness, and Mobilization, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army, Washington, DC. Other key assignments held recently include Brigade Commander and later, Chief of Staff, 1st Armored Division, United States Army Europe, and Deputy Director for Training, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army, Washington, DC.

General Budge served in a variety of important career building assignments preparatory to his most recent duties. His initial tour as a company grade officer was with the 5th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he served as the air operations officer and later, a company commander with a mechanized infantry battalion. While at Fort Carson, he was given command of a cavalry company which deployed to Vietnam as an element of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Later, in Vietnam, he was transferred to the United States Military Assistance Command as Aide-de-Camp to the Commander. Upon completion of his tour, he was assigned as an instructor at the United States Military Academy, then returned to Vietnam for a tour as an evaluation officer with the Civil Operations and Rural Development



Support (CORDS) Activity. He also served as a plans officer with the United States delegation negotiating the peace treaty with the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong military leaders. He was next assigned as a personnel management officer with the United States Army Military Personnel Center, Alexandria, Virginia, before returning to Fort Carson, Colorado where he served with the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) as a brigade operations officer and executive officer and, later, an infantry battalion commander. Following this tour, he was assigned to the Pentagon where he served as an action officer on the Army's Review of Education and Training for Officers (RETO) Study.

Awards and decorations which General Budge has received include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, and the Army General Staff Identification Badge.

General Budge is married to the former Constance (Connie) Leighliter. They have two children: Arthur and Steven.

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